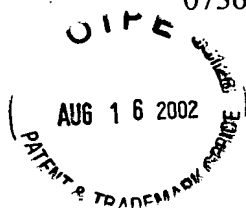


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of the application referenced above by Richard L. Schwartz et al. entitled " Method and System for Facilitating Mediated Communication" filed April 9, 2001, please amend the application as follows: